

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., August 28, 1894.



Eugene Townsend, Esq.,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to the contract awarded by you to Messers Jones & Keightly, for iron castings that will be required by your Mint for the current fiscal year, at 2-1/4 cents per pound, I have to inform you that, after careful consideration of the subject, I am clearly of the opinion that this contract should not have been awarded to them for the following reasons:-

Their bid is indefinite, as they do not state in their proposal, that they will furnish such patterns as will be required, without additional cost to the Government, but simply "to furnish castings such as those shown them by the Engineer, at 2-1/4 cents per lb."

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I find by referring to bills for castings in prior years, that, in nearly all instances, the patterns have been furnished by the contractor, extra charge being made for the same. The contract for the last fiscal year was awarded by your predecessor, to W. D. March, at 2-1/2 cents per lb., and who furnished during the year, 15,446 lbs.; at this rate the cost was \$386.15; and patterns costing \$36.90 additional.

Admitting that the quantity of castings required during this year will be the same as last year, the cost of the castings at 2-1/4 cents per lb. would be \$347.53, adding \$36.90 for patterns gives a total of \$384.43; while at the rate (1-9/10 cents per lb), of G. L. Daily's bid, the cost of the castings including patterns would be \$54.06 less than that of Jones & Keightly and \$35.23 less than that of Green & Linehan.

While the bid of the latter would be \$19.29 less than that of Jones & Keightly, I have no hesitancy, after careful consideration, in stating that the bid of G. L. Daily should be accepted provided he could furnish evidence of his ability to fill the contract if awarded him.

In case he is unable to do this the contract must be awarded to

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Very respectfully,


R. B. Preston
Director of the Mint.

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